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SUBJ: CASTRO VISIT -- JOINT COMMUNIQUE

1. FIDEL CASTRO AND PARTY DEPARTED LIBYA FROM TRIPOLI'S
MILITARY AIRPORT AT APPROXIMATELY 1130 MARCH 10. HE WAS
SEEN OFF BY LIBYAN LEADER QADHAFI, EX-PRIMIN JALLUD,
MEMBERS OF CIVILIAN CABINET AND DIPLOMATIC CORPS (CORPS
HAVING BEEN MUSTERED TO AIRPORT AT 0700) EXCLUDING THIS
REPORTER.

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2. LIBYAN-CUBAN JOINT COMMUNIQUE
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THE SOCIALIST PEOPLE'S LIBYAN ARAB JAMAHIRIYAH AND THE
REPUBLIC OF CUBA HAVE EXCHANGED POINTS OF VIEW REGARDING
THE PRESENT INTERNATIONAL SITUATIONS AND PAID SPECIAL
INTEREST TO THE SITUATION IN THE ARAB AREA. THEY
STRONGLY CONDEMNED THE ZIONIST ISRAELI AGGRESSION,
SUPPORTED BY IMPERIALIST FORCES, AGAINST THE ARAB

NATION AND EMPHASIZED THAT IT HAD CONSTITUTED A GRAVE DANGER THREATENING INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND SECURITY.

IN A JOINT COMMUNIQUE ISSUED HERE YESTERDAY AFTER A TEN-DAY VISIT TO THE JAMAHIRIYAH BY DR. FIDEL CASTRO, PRESIDENT OF THE CUBAN STATE COUNCIL, THE TWO SIDES EXPRESSED THE BELIEF THAT GENUINE PEACE IN THIS AREA COULD NOT BE REALIZED EXCEPT THROUGH THE LIBERATION OF THE WHOLE PALESTINIAN SOIL AND THE ARAB OCCUPIED LANDS. IN THIS RESPECT, THEY ASSERTED THEIR SUPPORT OF JUST STRUGGKE OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE AND THEIR RIGHT OF SELF-DETERMINATION, LIBERATION OF WHOLE SOIL AND ESTABLISHMENT OF A NATIONAL STATE.

THE LIBYAN ARAB AND THE CUBAN SIDES PERSISTENTLY CONDEMNED THE ARAB REACTIONARY DEFEATIST POLICIES AIMED AT TERMINATING THE PALESTINIAN ISSUE AND EXPRESSED THEIR FAITH THAT SUCH ATTEMPTS COULD NOT, BY ANY MEANS, LEAD TO REALIZING PEACE AND SECURITY IN THE AREA.

THE TWO SIDES EXPRESSED THE BELIEF THAT WHAT HAS HAPPENED IN LEBANON IS A SERIES OF IMPERIALIST HEGEMONY AND CONTINUED AGRESSION AGAINST THE ARAB NATION WITH THE OBJECT OF DOMINATING THE ARAB AREA AND PASSING THE PARTIAL SETTLEMENT IN ORDER TO REALIZE THE IMPOSITION OF COMPLETE DOMINATION.

THEREFORE, THE COMMUNIQUE ADDED, THE TWO SIDES ASSERT THAT THE SOLUTION OF THE LEBANESE PROBLEM COULD LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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BE EFFECTED BY THE LEBANESE THEMSELVES WITHOUT FOREIGN INTERVENTION. THEY EXPRESSED THEIR SUPPORT OF EFFORTS EXERTED BY THE LEBANESE PROGRESSIVE FORCES IN THEIR STRUGGLE TO PRESERVE THE INTEGRITY, INDEPENDENCE AND SOVEREIGNTY OF LEBANON AND FRUSTRATE THE IMPERIALIST PLOT AIMED AT DIVIDING LEBANON, STRIKING THE PROGRESSIVE FORCE AND ABOLITION OF THE PALESTINIAN RESISTANCE MOVEMENT.

THE TWO SIDES ALSO CONDEMNED THE FEROCIOUS INFORMATION ATTACK AGAINST THE SOCIALIST PEOPLE'S LIBYAN ARAB JAMAHIRIYAH AND ITS PROGRESSIVE POLICY REJECTING DEFEATIST SOLUTIONS OF ARAB REACTIONARY REGIMES, THE ALLIES TO IMPERIALISM AND ZIONIST ISRAEL.

THE TWO COUNTRIES EXPRESSED THE BELIEF THAT THE ARAB UNITY, ON PROGRESSIVE BASES, ADVERSARY TO IMPERIALISM AND ZIONISM, IS THE MOST IMPORTANT GUARANTEE TO REALIZE THE SUCCESS OF LIBERATION

STRUGGLE CURRENTLY STAGED BY THE ARAB PEOPLE AGAINST
NEO-COLONIALISM, AGGRESSION, ZIONSIM AND REACTIONISM.

THE TWO SIDES EXPRESSED THEIR SUPPORT TO REINFORCE
AND DEEPEN REALTIONS OF FRIENDSHIP AND CO-COPERATION,
CURRENTLY EXISTING BETWEEN THE ARAB NATION AND ITS
NATURAL FRIENDS OF THE THIRD WORLD AND THE SOCIALIST
COUNTRIES GROUP AND STRONGLY RESIST ANY ATTEMPT
ADVERSELY AFFECTING THESE RELATIONS.

WHILE EXCHANGING OPINIONS ON THE PRESENT INTER-
NATIONAL ISSUES, THE TWO SIDES SHOWED CLOSE AND
IDENTICAL POINTS OF VIEW. THEY HIGHLIGHTED THE
NECESSITY TO CONTINUE THE UNITY OF NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES,
THEIR CAPABILITY TO FUNCTION AND THE ROLE OF THESE
COUNTRIES, BEING A FACTOR, OF NO ALTERNATIVE, FOR
SOLVING COMPLICATED PROBLEMS.
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THEY ASSERTED THE NECESSITY TO ABIDE TO THE
STANDARDS AND BASIC PRINCIPLES OF NON-ALIGNMENT
CONCEPT IN ORDER TO REALIZE ITS NOBLE OBJECTIVES.

THE TWO SIDES INDICATED THAT THE RESOLUTIONS
OF THE FIFTH CONFERENCE OF NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES,
HELD IN COLOMBO REFLECTS, TO A GREAT EXTENT, THE
OBJECTIVES AND DIRECTIONS OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMU-
NITY.

THE TWO SIDES EXPRESSED THEIR FULL SUPPORT OF
THE RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL
ASSEMBLY IN ITS 30TH SESSION WHICH CONSIDERS ZIONISM
AS A FORM OF RACIAL DISCRIMINATION.
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S.P.L.A.J. AND CUBA ASSERTED THAT INTERNATIONAL
SECURITY IS CLOSELY LINKED WITH THE SECURITY OF THE
MEDITERRANEAN AND CALLED FOR HAVING THIS SEA AS A SEA
OF PEACE AND PROSPERITY TO ITS PEOPLES AND OTHERS
OF THE WORLD.

THE TWO SIDES EMPHASIZED THE PEOPLE'S ABSOLUTE
RIGHTS TO CONTROL THEIR NATURAL AND ECONOMIC RESOURCES
FOR DEVELOPING THEIR COUNTRIES AND REALIZING THEIR
OBJECTIVES. IN THIS RESPECT, THE TWO SIDES ASSERTED
THE NECESSITY TO CONTINUE EFFORTS AIMED AT ESTABLISHING
A NEW ECONOMIC AND MONETARY SYSTEM TO PUT AN END TO
MONOPOLY AND EXPLOITATION AND TERMINATE ALL ASPECTS
OF INEQUITY AND IMBALANCE OF INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC
RELATIONS. THEY ALSO CONDEMNED ALL ATTEMPTS OF CON-
TAINMENT EXERCISED BY WESTERN IMPERIALISM AGAINST
THE THIRD WORLD PEOPLES.

THE TWO SIDES EMPHASIZED THEIR SUPPORT AND AID
TO LIBERATION MOVEMENTS IN AFRICA, LATIN AMERICA AND
CONDEMNED THE IMPERIALIST AGGRESSION AGAINST BENIN
PEOPLE, THE IMPERIALIST MANEUVERS AGAINST THE ETHIOPIAN
REVOLUTION AND THE FASCIST REGIMES ALL OVER THE WORLD,
ESPECIALLY IN CHILE.

THE TWO SIDES EXPRESSED THEIR SUPPORT TO THE
PEOPLE AND GOVERNMENT OF PANAMA IN ORDER TO CONTROL
THEIR CANAL AND RESTORE IT UNDER THE PANAMANIAN
SOVEREIGNTY.

THE SOCIALIST PEOPLE'S LIBYAN ARAB JAMAHIRIYAH
AND THE REPUBLIC OF CUBA CONDEMNED THE RACIST REGIMES
IN AFRICA AND THE IMPERIALIST PLOTS AND CONSPIRACIES
AIMED AT THE RECOVERY AND PROTECTION OF THEIR POSITION
AND LIQUIDATION OF AFRICAN LIBERATION MOVEMENTS.
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THE TWO SIDES ALSO CONDEMNED THE EXISTING
COLLUSION BETWEEN THE RACIST REGIMES IN OCCUPIED
PALESTINE AND SOUTH AFRICA AND DENOUNCED THEIR
ALLIANCE TO STRIKE THE LIBERATION STRUGGLE OF AFRICAN
AND ARAB PEOPLES.

THE TWO SIDES REFERRED TO THE IMPORTANCE OF
INTERNATIONAL DETENTE AND LAUDED THE EFFORTS OF THE
GROUP OF SOCIALIST COUNTRIES TO REALIZE SUCH DETENTE
FOR THE SAKE OF PEACE, SECURITY AND CO-OPERATION AND
FOR THE LIQUIDATION OF IMPERIALISM AND LIBERATION OF
PEOPLES.

THE TWO SIDES EXPRESSED THEIR JOINT INTENTION TO
EXPAND COMMERCIAL AND CULTURAL EXCHANGE WHICH WILL
CONTRIBUTE TO THE CONTINUATION OF MUTUAL ACQUAINTANCE
BETWEEN THE TWO FRIENDLY PEOPLES.

DURING THIS VISIT THE TWO SIDES SIGNED THE
FOLLOWING OFFICIAL DOCUMENTS:

- 1 - AGREEMENT OF CULTURAL AND SCIENTIFIC CO-OPERATION.
- 2 - AGREEMENT OF TECHNICAL, ECONOMIC AND COMMERCIAL
COOPERATION.

PRESIDENT CASTRO RENEWED AN INVITATION TO VISIT
CUBA TO COLONEL QADHAFI WHO ACCEPTED THE INVITATION
AND PROMISED TO FIX THE TIME LATER.

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3. COMMENT: WHILE NO MENTION IS MADE OF MILITARY
COOPERATION, SEVERAL EAST EUROPEAN DIPLOMATS SPECULATE
THAT PROVISION OF CUBAN MILITARY TRAINING PERSONNEL
(BADLY NEEDED BY LIBYAN FORCES) IS IMMINENT.
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COMMUNIQUE ALSO NOTABLE FOR CUBAN ASSOCIATION WITH
LIBYA'S EXTREME STAND ON MID-EAST PROBLEM.
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